to Indiatourism offices overseas for promotion and publicity in various markets was Rs. 51.00 crores each year. The Govt. earns Rs. 14,000 to Rs. 15,000 crores of foreign exchange from overseas Tourists.

(c) Twenty one travel circuits in the country were identified for development prior to Tenth Five Year Plan but a scheme for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits has been introduced only in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Development projects of the Department include products like beaches, backwaters, temples and wild life in India but no specific allocations are made for each such item.

Closing of excavation work in W.B.

3375. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has closed excavation work at Rajpat Khalisa Gosanimari Village, district Cooch Behar in West Bengal;

(b) the details of the excavation work and the objectives for the same;

(c) the details of excavated materials and whereabouts of the same; and

(d) whether ASI have any plan to resume excavation there?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The work of excavation at Rajpat Khalisa Gosanimari Village, District Cooch Behar (West Bengal) has been closed in the year 2000.

(b) and (c) The Excavation at Rajpat Khalisa Gosanimari, District Cooch Behar (West Bengal) that was carried out during two field seasons of 1998-99 and 1999-2000 has yielded structures belonging to the time ranging from of c. 11th to the 16th century A.D. in the form of fortification walls, subsidiary brick walls, two circular wells, a guard room, etc., all made of baked bricks. Besides the structures, the site has also yielded antiquities assignable to circa 11th–19th century A.D. Important antiquities are : a few damaged stone sculptures; terracotta figurines; iron spear-heads; arrow-heads; nails; silver coin of the Suitanate period and silver and copper coins of the British period. Some of the excavated material have been displayed at the newly opened archaeological museum at

Cooch Behar Palace, and others have been kept safely preserved in the local office.

(d) No, Sir, as the objectives set for the excavation had been realised.

Irrigation potential of Harihar Jor Irrigation Project in Orissa

3376.SHRI SURENDRA LATH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the irrigation potential of the Harihar Jor Irrigation Project in Orissa,

(b) whether the project has been completed; and

(c) if so, the details of additional irrigation facilities added to the State after the execution of that irrigation project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) (a) to (c) The Harihar Jor Irrigation Project in Orissa envisages creation of ultimate irrigation potential of 13.70 thousand hectare on completion, out of which 9.95 thousand hectare has been created up to the end of 2000-2001. It is an ongoing project in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Clearance to flood control in Ganga Basin

3377. SHRI LALU PRASAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Bihar has submitted a scheme of flood control in Ganga basin at an estimated cost of Rs. 500.00 crore to Ganga Flood Control Commission;

(b) whether Government propose to sanction this scheme; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Bihar has submitted a list of 19 schemes comprising 5 schemes of anti erosion works and 14 schemes for raising & strengthening/ construction of embankments to Ganga Flood Control Commission at a total estimated cost of about Rs. 542 crores.

(b) and (c) Flood management being a State subject, the responsiblity